

**§ 250.501 Definition.**

When used in this subpart, the following term shall have the meaning given below:

*Well-completion operations* means the work conducted to establish the production of a well after the production-casing string has been set, cemented, and pressure-tested.

**§ 250.502 Equipment movement.**

The movement of well-completion rigs and related equipment on and off a platform or from well to well on the same platform, including rigging up and rigging down, shall be conducted in a safe manner. All wells in the same well-bay which are capable of producing hydrocarbons shall be shut in below the surface with a pump-through-type tubing plug and at the surface with a closed master valve prior to moving well-completion rigs and related equipment, unless otherwise approved by the District Supervisor. A closed surface-controlled sub-surface safety valve of the pump-through type may be used in lieu of the pump-through-type tubing plug, provided that the surface control has been locked out of operation. The well from which the rig or related equipment is to be moved shall also be equipped with a back-pressure valve prior to removing the blowout preventer (BOP) system and installing the tree.

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**§ 250.503 Emergency shutdown system.**

When well-completion operations are conducted on a platform where there are other hydrocarbon-producing wells or other hydrocarbon flow, an emergency shutdown system (ESD) manually controlled station shall be installed near the driller's console or well-servicing unit operator's work station.

**§ 250.504 Hydrogen sulfide.**

When a well-completion operation is conducted in zones known to contain hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) or in zones where the presence of H<sub>2</sub>S is unknown (as defined in § 250.417 of this part), the lessee shall take appropriate pre-

cautions to protect life and property on the platform or completion unit, including, but not limited to operations such as blowing the well down, dismantling wellhead equipment and flow lines, circulating the well, swabbing, and pulling tubing, pumps, and packers. The lessee shall comply with the requirements in § 250.417 of this part as well as the appropriate requirements of this subpart.

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**§ 250.505 Subsea completions.**

No subsea well completion shall be commenced until the lessee obtains written approval from the District Supervisor in accordance with § 250.513 of this part. That approval shall be based upon a case-by-case determination that the proposed equipment and procedures will adequately control the well and permit safe production operations.

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**§ 250.506 Crew instructions.**

Prior to engaging in well-completion operations, crew members shall be instructed in the safety requirements of the operations to be performed, possible hazards to be encountered, and general safety considerations to protect personnel, equipment, and the environment. Date and time of safety meetings shall be recorded and available at the facility for review by MMS representatives.

**§ 250.507 Welding and burning practices and procedures.**

All welding, burning, and hot tapping activities involved in well-completion operations shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements in § 250.402 of this part.

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**§ 250.508 Electrical requirements.**

All electrical equipment and systems involved in well-completion operations shall be designed, installed, equipped, protected, operated, and maintained in